

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A mobile communication device, comprising:
a housing;
5 a mobile communication device numeric keypad coupled to the housing, the mobile communication device numeric keypad having an external visible portion; and
a light source coupled to the housing, the light source dedicated to direct light substantially directly at the external visible portion of the mobile
10 communication device numeric keypad to illuminate the mobile communication device numeric keypad.
2. The mobile communication device according to claim 1,
wherein the mobile communication device numeric keypad comprises
15 a ultraviolet reactive portion, and
wherein the light source comprises an ultraviolet light source.
3. The mobile communication device according to claim 2, wherein the
ultraviolet reactive portion comprises a fluorescent dye coupled to the mobile
20 communication device numeric keypad.
4. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, further
comprising:
a first housing;
25 a hinge coupled to the first housing; and
a second housing coupled to the hinge,
wherein the mobile communication device numeric keypad is coupled
to the first housing, and
wherein the light source is coupled to the second housing.
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5. The mobile communication device according to claim 4, further comprising:

a display coupled to the second housing; and
a speaker coupled to the second housing.

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6. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the light source is at least one of an incandescent light source and a light emitting diode light source.

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7. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, further comprising a reflective ring coupled to the housing, the reflective ring substantially surrounding the mobile communication device numeric keypad, the reflective ring configured to reflect light from the light source onto a face of the mobile communication device numeric keypad.

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8. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the reflective ring covers the light source.

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9. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device numeric keypad comprises an opaque mobile communication device numeric keypad.

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10. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first housing;
a hinge section coupled to the first housing, the hinge section including a pivot housing; and
a second housing coupled to the hinge section,
wherein the mobile communication device numeric keypad is coupled
to the first housing, and
wherein the light source is coupled to the pivot housing.

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11. The mobile communication device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first housing;

a hinge section coupled to the first housing, the hinge section including
5 a pivot housing; and

a second housing coupled to the hinge section, the second housing including a second housing hinge section including the light source, the second housing hinge section configured to expose the light source external to the mobile communication device when the first housing is closed against the second housing.

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12. The mobile communication device according to claim 11, wherein the light source comprises a laser pointer.

13. A cellular phone, comprising:

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a housing;

a cellular phone numeric keypad coupled to the housing, the cellular phone numeric keypad having an external visible portion, the external visible portion comprising an ultraviolet reactive portion; and

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an ultraviolet light source coupled to the housing, the ultraviolet light source dedicated to direct light substantially directly at the external visible portion of the cellular phone numeric keypad to illuminate the cellular phone numeric keypad.

14. The cellular phone according to claim 13, wherein the ultraviolet reactive portion comprises a fluorescent dye coupled to the cellular phone numeric keypad.
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15. The cellular phone according to claim 13, further comprising:

a first housing;

a hinge coupled to the first housing; and

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a second housing coupled to the hinge,

wherein the cellular phone numeric keypad is coupled to the first housing, and

wherein the ultraviolet light source is coupled to the second housing.

16. The cellular phone according to claim 13, further comprising:
a display coupled to the second housing; and
a speaker coupled to the second housing.

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17. The cellular phone according to claim 13, wherein the ultraviolet light source is at least one of an incandescent ultraviolet light source and a light emitting diode ultraviolet light source.

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18. The cellular phone according to claim 13, further comprising a reflective ring coupled to the housing, the reflective ring substantially surrounding the cellular phone numeric keypad, the reflective ring configured to reflect light from the ultraviolet light source onto the cellular phone numeric keypad.

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19. The cellular phone according to claim 13, wherein the cellular phone numeric keypad comprises a substantially opaque cellular phone numeric keypad.

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20. The cellular phone according to claim 13, further comprising:
a first housing;
a hinge coupled to the first housing; and
a second housing coupled to the hinge,
wherein the cellular phone numeric keypad is coupled to the first housing, and
wherein the ultraviolet light source is coupled to the hinge.

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21. The cellular phone according to claim 13, wherein the ultraviolet light source is configured to emit light at a wavelength from substantially 380nm to substantially 405nm.

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22. A cellular phone, comprising:
- a housing;
 - a display coupled to the housing;
 - a controller coupled to the housing;
- 5 an opaque cellular phone numeric keypad coupled to the housing and the controller, the opaque cellular phone numeric keypad including an external visible portion,
- the external visible portion comprising an ultraviolet reactive portion including a fluorescent dye; and
- 10 an ultraviolet light source coupled to the controller and coupled to the housing, the ultraviolet light source dedicated to direct light substantially directly at the external visible portion of the opaque cellular phone numeric keypad to illuminate the opaque cellular phone numeric keypad,
- wherein the controller is configured to control the operation of the
- 15 ultraviolet light source.